



Friday, Saturday, & Sunday
April 24th, 25th, and 26th, 2009
Santee, South Carolina

Welcome!

Come experience the birding wonders of the Santee region in central South Carolina! With a variety of places to see and explore, there will be plenty for all to enjoy. Whether you are coming to sharpen your birding skills or just enjoy some wonderful Spring weather, please plan to join us for the Santee Birding and Nature Festival. Here are a few of the places that will be featured:

- Audubon Center at Beidler Forest
- Brosnan Forest
- Congaree National Park
- Giant Cement Quarry
- Lakes Marion and Moultrie
- Manchester State Forest
- Poinsett State Park
- Santee National Wildlife Refuge
- Santee State Park
- Upper and Lower Santee Swamp
- Wannamaker Preserve Audubon Sanctuary



Keynote

Speaker

One of the nation's top birding experts, Mr. Pete Dunne, will be the keynote speaker at the dinner on Friday night. Director of the Cape May Bird Observatory and founder of the World Series of Birding, Mr. Dunne is a regular columnist for a number of birding publications and has authored numerous books about birds and birding. Best known for his skills as a hawk watcher, he is equally as fascinated by shorebirds and songbirds and has been leading workshops and tours for nearly 30 years. In addition to being our keynote speaker, Mr. Dunne will also be leading a workshop on the "Art of Pishing" as well as a special field trip on Santee National Wildlife Refuge (more information on those offerings in the Workshop and Field Trip sections). Registration will be limited for these events so be sure to get your registration in early for these truly wonderful offerings.

Activities

In addition to birding trips, there will be guided canoe and kayak trips, pontoon boat tours of Lake Marion, a butterfly walk, a fossil walk led by noted South Carolina naturalist, Rudy Mancke, wildlife photography workshops, conservation exhibits, and more!!

A Celebration of Nature in Central South Carolina

Wildlife Photography Workshops

Saturday & Sunday, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.



Internationally known photographer Len Rue will conduct this one-on-one photography workshop at the Santee Cultural Arts Center. His work has been published in hundreds of publications

worldwide, including *Field & Stream*, *Newsweek*, *New York Times Magazine*, *National Geographic*, and many others. He has traveled extensively worldwide and developed a distinctive photographic style. His knowledge of wildlife and nature have combined to make him one of the best known and most published wildlife photographers of our time. Co-author of the book, *How To Photograph Animals in the Wild*, Len also has magazine articles to his credit and is a member of the Outdoor Writers Association of America.

visit: www.rue.com

During the workshop, there will be time spent in a classroom setting followed by one-on-one experience in the field. Participants will need to bring their own photography equipment. Each workshop limited to 12 participants so register early.

Wildlife & Nature Exhibits

Friday, 7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m., Saturday, 7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m., Sunday, 7:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

The Santee Cultural Arts Center will be the center of activity for those not venturing out into the field. We will have exhibits from various conservation organizations so, if you are not scheduled for any trips, come browse the exhibits at the Santee Cultural Arts Center, located on Brooks Blvd. off of Hwy. 15 in Santee.

The Art of Pishing with Pete

Dunne

Saturday, 1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

If you want to learn how to call birds in to better view them, then this is the workshop for you. Come join birding expert Pete Dunne for his workshop on the “Art of Pishing”. Bring along your humor and a handkerchief for this hilariously informative session, held at the Santee Cultural Arts Center. Book and CD included with cost of workshop.



Commemorative Battle of Fort Watson

Saturday, 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

A living history encampment and ceremony to honor the Revolutionary War Patriot, Francis Marion, and the victory at Fort Watson on the grounds of Santee National Wildlife Refuge at the Bluff Unit. Color guard and wreath laying ceremony. Sponsored by the Sons of the American Revolution. Free and open to the public.

Field Trips

All start times are based on departure from the Santee Cultural Arts Center. Carpooling is encouraged.

Audubon Center at Beidler Forest & Brosnan Forest: Saturday, 7:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Old-growth bald cypress swamp, old-growth longleaf pine forest. Easy access to the swamp on a boardwalk. Target species include Prothonotary Warbler, Swainson's Warbler, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Bachman's Sparrow. Easy walking.

Audubon Center at Beidler Forest Boardwalk & Trail Tour: Friday, 12:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Old-growth bald cypress swamp, old-growth longleaf pine forest. Easy access to the swamp on a boardwalk. Target species include Prothonotary Warbler, Swainson's Warbler, and Yellow-crowned Night-Heron. Easy walking.

Audubon Center at Beidler Forest Canoe & Kayak Trip: Friday, 12:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.



Old-growth bald cypress swamp. Easy paddle through sanctuary swamp. Target species include Prothonotary Warbler, Swainson's Warbler, and

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron. Children 8–18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Brosnan Forest: Sunday, 7:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

This 16,000-acre property near Dorchester, SC is owned and managed by Norfolk Southern Railroad with much of it managed for the Federally endangered Red-cockaded Woodpecker. Over 12,000 acres are under conservation easement with the Lowcountry Open Land Trust. Target species include Red-

cockaded Woodpecker, Brown-headed Nuthatch, and Bachman's Sparrow. Easy walking.

Congaree National Park: Sunday, 7:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Old-growth floodplain forest. Easy access on two-mile long boardwalk. Target species include Prothonotary Warbler, Kentucky Warbler, Swainson's Warbler, Pileated Woodpecker, Yellow-throated Vireo, migrant warblers. Easy walking.

Congaree National Park Canoe & Kayak Trip: Sunday, 1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

Old-growth bald cypress swamp. Easy paddle through park swamp. Target species include Prothonotary Warbler, Swainson's Warbler, and Yellow-crowned Night-Heron. Children 8–18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Fish Eagle Boat Tours: Friday, 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.; Sunday, 8:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.



This tour of Lake Marion covers everything from the building of the Santee Lakes to the wildlife that inhabit this rare and beautiful sunken forest. Besides getting some great viewing opportunities of native wildlife, you'll also get to learn more about the Native Americans that used to inhabit this area. Tours are conducted aboard a 38-passenger pontoon boat.

Field Trips (Continued)

Giant Cement Quarry Fossil Walk with Rudy

Mancke: Saturday, 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Join one of South Carolina's most famous naturalists and former star of SCETV's NatureScene for a fossil walk at the Giant Cement Quarry near Harleyville, SC. Opened in 1949, Giant Cement Quarry was the first cement quarry opened in South Carolina and has been a hotbed for fossil enthusiasts for years. Having access to the quarry is a very rare event so now you can join Dr. Mancke as he takes this remarkable trip back in time!!

Fossils as old as 40,000,000 years old have been found at the quarry and have produced such wonders as: giant ground sloths, ancient horses, dire wolves, mastodons, sabertooth cats, ancient camels, and the list goes on!! Learn the stories of animals that roamed the lands and seas of ancient South Carolina from one of the finest teachers around. Register early if you wish to snag a spot on this much anticipated field trip!!

Manchester State Forest & Poinsett State Park:

Saturday, 7:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.; Sunday, 7:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



Longleaf pine forest, ponds, wooded ravines, floodplain forest. Target species include Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Louisiana Waterthrush, Swainson's Warbler, Kentucky Warbler, Yellow-throated Vireo, Broad-winged Hawk, Mississippi Kite, migrant warblers, River Frog. Auto tour with some walking.

Santee Lakes Sampler: Friday, 1:00—4:30 p.m.

Selected areas on Lake Marion and Lake Moultrie, east of Santee (Eutaw Springs). Lakeshore, mixed woods, marsh, agricultural fields. Target species include Bald Eagle, White Ibis, shorebirds, Osprey. Auto tour with some walking.

Santee National Wildlife Refuge—Butterfly Walk:

Saturday, 1:00—5:00 p.m.



This walk around the Bluff Unit of Santee National Wildlife Refuge will give you an introduction to the butterflies of central South Carolina. Easy walking.

Santee National Wildlife Refuge—Bluff Unit &

Dingle Pond: Friday, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Mixed woods, agricultural fields, marsh, lakeshore, and a true Carolina Bay. Target species include Painted Bunting, King Rail, Least Bittern, Bald Eagle, migrant warblers. Moderate walking.



Santee National Wildlife Refuge—Cuddo Unit:

Friday, 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.; **Saturday, 7:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. (with Pete Dunne)**; Sunday, 7:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Swamp woods, grassy fields, marshes, lakeshore. Target species include Painted Bunting, Mississippi Kite, Wild Turkey, Wood Duck, Acadian Flycatcher, American Alligator. Auto tour road with some walking. The Saturday morning field trip with Pete Dunne will be limited to the first fifteen registrants so make sure to sign up early!

Field Trips (Continued)

Santee National Wildlife Refuge—Kid's Nature Walk:

Saturday, 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Bring the kids along for an outing on the Bluff Unit of Santee National Wildlife Refuge where they can take a leisurely stroll around the refuge learning about the great natural treasures of this refuge. Easy walk.



Santee National Wildlife Refuge—Pine Island Unit:

Friday, 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 7:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Grassy fields, marsh, lakeshore. Target species include King Rail, Least Bittern, Marsh Wren, Common Moorhen, American Coot, Bald Eagle, American Alligator. Moderate walking.

Wildlife Management & Research: Saturday, 8:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Get some real “behind-the-scenes” experience through the eyes of Federal Wildlife Biologists as they introduce you to the different research and management techniques used on the refuge and across the state. Participants will get a first-hand look at mist netting and bird banding techniques...an experience not to be missed!! Held at Santee National Wildlife Refuge’s headquarters on the Bluff Unit.

Santee State Park: Friday, 1:00—4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 7:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Mixed woods, lakeshore. Target species include Red-headed Woodpecker, Wild Turkey, migrant warblers. Easy walking.

Santee Swamp Canoe and Kayak Excursion:

Saturday, 7:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**drought dependent activity*

Paddle with one of South Carolina’s premier outdoor outfitters. Join the guides of Nature Adventure Outfitters for a discovery trip in the Santee Swamp. Depending on water levels at the time of the festival, canoe and kayak excursions will be lead into areas of the Santee River, Sparkleberry Swamp, Wadboo Creek, or Echaw Creek. Children 8—18 must be accompanied by an adult.



Wannamaker Preserve Audubon Sanctuary:

Saturday, 7:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Mixed woods, floodplain forest, wooded ravines. Target species include Louisiana Waterthrush, Swainson's Warbler, Hooded Warbler, migrant warblers, Harvester butterfly. Moderate walking.



How to register

Complete the Registration Form and mail with full payment to The Friends of Santee National Wildlife Refuge (address below). Sorry, no credit cards accepted. Payment is by cash, check, or money order only. Checks should be made payable to: *The Friends of Santee National Wildlife Refuge.*

Mailing address:

The Friends of Santee National Wildlife Refuge
c/o Santee National Wildlife Refuge
2125 Fort Watson Road
Summerton, South Carolina 29148
Attention: Santee Birding and Nature Festival Committee

All events are individually priced as marked on the Registration Form and should be paid accordingly. Most field trips are limited to the first 25 participants. If a trip is full, we will contact you to schedule you for an alternate field trip.

Registration packets containing your event tickets and other information may be picked up starting Friday, April 24th at the Santee Cultural Arts Center. Registration booth hours: Friday, April 24th, 7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m., Saturday, April 25th, 7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 26th, 7:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.

Cancellations and Refunds

If your registration is cancelled by April 4th, 2009, you will receive a full refund. Cancellations received between April 5th and April 20th will receive a 50% refund. After April 20th, no refunds will be issued.

The Santee Birding and Nature Festival reserves the right to cancel any activity of the festival or substitute qualified presenters as necessary. If we cancel an event for any reason, a full refund will be issued.

Name(s) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Zip Code _____
E-mail _____
Phone() _____

Please note, all contact information you provide us will be used only for contact and confirmation of your participation in this festival. If you wish to receive future e-mails or mailings regarding the Santee Birding and Nature Festival, please indicate by checking this box. ☐

Checklist

- Have you checked off your activity preferences on the Registration Form?
- Have you indicated the correct number(s) of participants?
- Have you included your payment?
- Have you provided us with an e-mail address?
Providing us with an e-mail address will assist us with paperless communications, helping us to stay as carbon neutral as possible! Your cooperation is appreciated!
- Questions? (843)870-2332 or
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		Santee Birding and Nature Festival Registration Form		
# tickets	Event Time	Friday, April 24th	Fee	Total
	7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration - Santee Cultural Arts Center		
	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Santee NWR (Bluff Unit) & Dingle Pond	\$10	
	12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Audubon Center at Beidler Forest Canoe & Kayak Trip	\$20 adult/\$12 child	
	12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Audubon Center at Beidler Forest Boardwalk & Trail Tour	\$10	
	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Fish Eagle Boat Tours	\$25	
	1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Santee Lakes Sampler	\$10	
	1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Santee State Park	\$10	
	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Santee NWR (Cuddo Unit)	\$10	
	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Santee NWR (Pine Island Unit)	\$10	
	6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Keynote Speaker Event & Dinner, Holiday Inn, Santee	\$40	
		Saturday, April 25th		
	7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration - Santee Cultural Arts Center		
	7:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Birding with Pete Dunne – Santee NWR (Cuddo Unit)	\$65	
	7:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Santee Swamp Canoe & Kayak Excursion	\$20 adult/\$12 child	
	7:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Wannamaker Preserve Audubon Sanctuary	\$10	
	7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Audubon Center at Beidler Forest & Brosnan Forest	\$15	
	7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Manchester State Forest & Poinsett State Park	\$15	
	8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Wildlife Management & Research	\$5	
	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Wildlife Photography Workshop with Len Rue	\$75	
	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Commemorative Battle of Fort Watson	FREE	
	1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	<i>The Art of Pishing</i> with Pete Dunne – book & CD included	\$45	
	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Santee NWR - Kid's Nature Walk	FREE	
	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Santee NWR - Butterfly Walk	\$10	
	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Giant Cement Quarry Fossil Walk with Rudy Mancke	\$30	
	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Countdown (Finger Foods provided)	FREE	
		Sunday, April 26th		
	7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration - Santee Cultural Arts Center		
	7:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Santee NWR (Cuddo Unit)	\$10	
	7:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Santee NWR (Pine Island Unit)	\$10	
	7:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Santee State Park	\$10	
	7:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Brosnan Forest	\$10	
	7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Congaree National Park	FREE	
	7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Manchester State Forest & Poinsett State Park	\$15	
	8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Fish Eagle Boat Tours	\$25	
	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Wildlife Photography Workshop with Len Rue	\$75	
	1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Congaree National Park Canoe & Kayak Trip	FREE	
		Event totals:		
		Participant Name(s):		

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